

## **Kinoomaagejik Project - Language Teacher Training - ANA Grant 2015 - 2018**

The LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department is pleased to announce the new ANA “Kinoomaagejik Project.” Kinoomaagejik [Ki noo maa ge jik] ~ Teachers. LTBB recently received a Language Preservation and Maintenance Grant from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. The grant awarded a total of nearly \$584,000 for a 3-year project.

The goal of the grant is to train five LTBB community members to become language teachers. They will be trained to be functionally fluent in Anishinaabemowin, Anishinaabe language. They will also be trained in teacher education, curriculum development, and Anishinaabemowin literacy. The project runs through July 31, 2018. At the end of the three-year project, successful trainees will be evaluated and certified by LTBB as Anishinaabe Language and Culture Teachers.

The Gijigowi Language Department will hire a fluent speaker to teach the language component to the trainees. The Gijigowi Language staff, and Curriculum Specialists from the LTBB Education Department will serve as a team to teach the other components. This will include teacher education such as classroom management, curriculum and materials development, Anishinaabemowin vocabulary, reading, writing, and grammar. Eventually, the trainees will perform practicum experiences in various venues of teaching and presenting. The trainees will create curriculum and resource materials for teaching Anishinaabemowin.

The Kinoomaagejik Project will post articles and announcements in the Odawa Trails, on a regular basis, to keep membership updated on project news. We encourage tribal citizens and community members to contact us with any questions, feedback, or suggestions - at any time. We will also host two community gatherings during each of the three years. The initial gathering will be held in December to have an opening ceremony and give an overview of the project to the community. A flyer will be posted in the December Odawa Trails with details about our first gathering event. We look forward to connecting with you, and we're excited for the start of a successful Anishinaabemowin project!

### **TRAINEE RECRUITMENT:** Would you like to become an Anishinaabe Language Teacher?

Five LTBB community members will be selected as teacher trainees. They will learn to speak Anishinaabemowin and be trained in teacher education, grammar, orthography, and curriculum development.

The Kinoomaagejik Project requires trainees to participate in classes and training activities for 15 hours per week. The trainees are paid a stipend of \$15.00 per hour. Additional homework, practice and research hours are also expected as part of the trainee responsibilities. Trainees will not be compensated for homework.

The training period will run from January 2016 through July 2018, at which time the trainees will receive a certificate. Trainees must be dedicated and complete the entire 2 ½ year training program.

Trainee applicants must be at least 18 years old by January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and must be able to pass a criminal background.

Application packets will be available beginning October 1, 2015. Deadline to submit application packets will be Friday, October 30, 2015. A panel will interview applicants in November 2015, and select individuals to fill the five trainee positions.

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